**Construction of tourist bungallows by ITDC**

352. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation proposes to build tourist bungalows at important places in the country and offer shares therein at low rates to the general public as done by some private companies and State Tourist Corporations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SYED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Excise duty evasion by large Industrial Houses**

853. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the large industrial houses against whom cases of evasion of excise duty have been registered by Government during 1986 till date;

(b) what are the names of the companies which have paid penalty on the above account together with the figures of amount paid; and

(c) what are the names of the companies which have gone in for arbitration after imposition of the above penalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information regarding the twenty houses ranked according to their assets in 1984 in respect of companies registered under section 26 of the M.R.T.P. Act, as on 21-12-1984, ir being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) There is no provision in Central Excise law for arbitration.

**Tax on inter-State consignment of goods**

854. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has finally decided to levy tax on inter-State consignment of goods; if so, by when this measure is going to be given effect to;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in working out taxation law on inter-State consignment of goods;

(c) whether it is a fact that estimated income from consignment tax runs into hundreds of crores for exporting States and the delay in enacting consignment tax law deprives them of huge revenue;

(d) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is losing Rs. 60 crores per annum on this account; and

(e) whether it is a fact that to avoid Central Sales Tax, manipulation of consignment of goods are worked out by concerned interest; if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to counteract these deliberate avoidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (e) There were reports from various State Governments to whom the revenues from Central sales tax have been assigned, as to large scale avoidance of Central sales tax levible on inter-State sales of goods through the device of consignment of goods from one State to another, although there is no reliable estimate of the amount of loss of revenue incurred by the States on this account. The Constitution was, therefore, amended through the Constitution (46th Amendment) Act, 1982 inter-alia to enable the levy of tax on inter-State consignment of

goods. A conference of Chief Ministers held on 28th May, 1984 recommended by consensus, different aspects of framing legislation for taxing inter-State consignment of goods. As some of the issues involved are required to be sorted out with the States, it has not yet been possible to take any decision wih regard to levy of consignment tax. There is also no reliable estimate of the probable income from the proposed consignment tax.

**Textile Mills run by NTC and State Governments**

855. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and State Government, including Gujarat Government and the number of workers employed in these mills;

(b) what is the loss suffered by NTC; the amount spent on wages paid to the workers; the volume of cloth produced and the value thereof and also the excise duty paid to Government during the last three years;

(c) what is the number of mills making profits or incurring losses during the last one year, managed by the NTC; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NTC has proposed the closure of uneconomic textile units; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) According to available information, about 2.09 lakh workers are employed in the textile mills run by NTC and about 95,000 workers are employed in the textile mills run by State Governments, including the Gujarat Government. A Statement showing the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and the State Government is attached. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX , Annexure No. 50]

(b) The position regarding 123 textile mills, in operation, under the NTC is given below:—

| | 1983-84 | 1984-85 | 1985-86 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Not loss (Rs. crores) | 158·28 | 204·26 | 183·80 |
| Amount spent on salaries & Wages (Rs. Crores) | 242·00 | 282·00 | 331·00 |
| Cloth production (million metres) | 165·50 | 138·55 | 139 32 |
| Production value (Rs. Crores) | 642·00 | 777·00 | 968·00 |
| Excise duty paid (Rs. Crores) | 34·00 | 37·00 | 41·00 |

(c) During the year 1985-86, 10 (Textile) mills made net profit and 113 mills incurred net losses.

(d) The Textile Policy states that the continued operation of units, which are incapable of becoming viable, would mean a continued drain on scarce resources and such units or parts thereof may have to be closed down to prevent any further losses. However, no final decision has been taken regarding which mills are to be closed.

**Imports by MMTC and STC**

856. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of imports